

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL

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As part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Recommended Budget, the Interim Chief Executive Officer has included an appropriation transfer of \$10.5 million to create a new Sheriff's Department Pitchess Emergency Vehicle Operations Center (EVOC), in Castaic. Funding is being transferred from unprogrammed fund balance in an existing Capital Project (CP), the Sybil Brand Institute Refurbishments Project (CP No. 86940).

The Interim CEO has proposed to spend \$10.5 million to design and construct a replacement EVOC at the Pitchess Honor Rancho compound. The project plan includes costs for a Sheriff's Deputy vehicle driving / training track, emergency maneuver skid pad, motorcycle training area, a new office and parking area, relocation expense, survival tactics role play facility, and replacement of a portion of an access road.

For over 35 years, the Sheriff's Department has used the Pomona Fairplex, a County facility, to conduct all departmental emergency vehicle drivers' training. In recent years, however, the Fairplex has been available for fewer than the maximum 204 days allowed under the use agreement, primarily due to restrictions on weekend use and

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outside (revenue-generating) events at the Fairplex. In FY 2013-14, the Fairplex was only available for 144 days, which has created a hardship to providing required emergency vehicle training for many new recruits.

The Sheriff Emergency Vehicle Operations Center proposal in the FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget, however, includes very preliminary estimates for planning, design and construction costs. Before requesting the full \$10.5 million appropriation for the project, the Sheriff and the Interim CEO should conduct a facility feasibility analysis, including a pre-construction and pre-design process for the vehicle training track, ancillary facilities and access road.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the \$10.5 million of appropriation recommended by the Interim Chief Executive Officer for Capital Project No. 69799, Sheriff Pitchess Emergency Vehicle Operations Center, be approved, but that \$9.5 million be frozen for spending. After the provision of additional information to the Board, as specified in this motion, the Board will consider unfreezing this \$9.5 million appropriation, for completion of the Capital Project. The remaining \$1.0 million of appropriation is intended for Sheriff EVOC facility pre-construction and pre-design efforts.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Public Works, to:

1. Begin the Pre-Construction and Pre-Design processes for the Sheriff Emergency Vehicle Operations Center project;
2. Submit a report, by August 1, 2015, that includes a feasibility analysis and full cost estimates for the proposed Sheriff Emergency Vehicle Operations Center

project, including the vehicle driving / training track, emergency maneuver skid pad, motorcycle training area, new office and parking area, relocation expense, survival tactics role play facility, access road replacement, soft costs and project contingencies.

S:KK/Sheriff Vehicle Track